

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1500 – HB 1939

March 20, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Allows a county commissioner to carry a handgun in the same building in which judicial proceedings are in progress if the county commissioner has a handgun carry permit, the county commissioner is in the discharge of official duties as a county commissioner, and a county commission meeting is being held in the same building.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015369): Deletes and rewrites the proposed legislation such that the only substantive change is to clarify that the proposed legislation does not apply to members of the legislative bodies of metropolitan governments and does not authorize carrying a firearm into a room in which judicial proceedings are in progress.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-17-1306(c)(1) allows law enforcement officers, members of the United States armed forces and reserves, and members of the Tennessee National Guard to carry a weapon inside any building in which judicial proceedings are being held if they are in the actual discharge of their duties.
- Additionally, Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1306(c)(3) allows judges, in the actual discharge of their official duties, to carry a handgun inside any building in which judicial proceedings are being held if they have a handgun carry permit, keep the handgun concealed at all times, and are vested with judicial powers under Tenn. Code Ann. § 16-1-101.
- The proposed legislation authorizes county commissioners to carry a handgun in these circumstances as well, if they have a handgun carry permit, they are in the discharge of official duties, and a county commission meeting is being held in the same building in which the judicial proceeding are being held. The proposed legislation does not

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authorize a county commissioner to carry a firearm into a room in which judicial proceedings are in progress.

- The proposed legislation does not apply to members of the legislative bodies of metropolitan governments.
- The Department of Correction, Administrative Office of the Courts, the District Attorneys General Conference, and the District Public Defenders Conference confirm that the legislation will not significantly impact their operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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